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MINUTES

Monday 12 March 2012 at 5.30pm

Attendance:

Stephen Fischer (President), Ruth Gallagher (Secretary), David Hoffman (Past President), Rowan Bergin, Sue Welbourn, Val Holbrook, Niek Van Vucht, Liz Van Der Hor, Tony Marker, Stephen Mendick, Di Hawke and Molly O'Donohue.

Apologies: Dorothy Jesner, Peter Giles, Andrew Kettle

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 13 February 2012 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. **MOVED** Di Hawke **SECONDED** Niek Van Vucht

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3. MANAGERS' REPORT

Molly provided the Committee with table numbers for all sessions complete with graphs for the periods December -February 2012, 2011 and 2010. The data showed that numbers had declined for Monday and Tuesday evenings and Tuesday and Thursday daytime. All other sessions over the three month period for 2012 compared with the same period in the two previous years had increased. Overall the table numbers were significantly higher in the three months to February 2012 compared with the previous two years. The Committee found the information provided very useful and asked the Managers to provide these reports quarterly. Molly also said that CBC membership numbers for 2012 at an all time high with 570 members.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

5. SUB COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.11 Rowan said that the organisation for the planning day on 24 March was progressing well. It would start at 9am and finish at 4pm. About 30 people would be attending. Lunch would be provided.

5.12 The Friday night with Champagne and welcoming host has started

and progressing well. A roster was provided for Committee members to sign up and act as host to welcome those attending, especially newer players.

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

5.21 Stephen and Niek had looked at some of the options for improving the numbers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Niek noted that in future they would not schedule any new events over such periods as the Gold Coast Congress was being held as this had an impact on numbers. Options considered included offering prize money, having handicapped pairs events to give less experienced players a chance to win and combining more Tuesday and Thursday events so tournaments did not cover such a long time period. There was some discussion about BFACT offering all its events as “walk ins” and whether this could be confirmed. Stephen agreed to raise this issue at the next BFACT meeting to seek some clarification. CBC would also look at its events on these nights to see if any of these could be “walk in” events. The Committee would continue to consider options.

5.3 Employment & Contracts

5.31 It was noted that Directors were on one year contracts which would be coming up for renewal in June and this would need to be addressed soon.

5.4 House

5.41 Sue said that the work on rendering the walls in the Barry Turner room would start on Sunday 27 May and go for 7-10 days. All the Club would be required to do would be to take down the television on the wall, the wall sensors and the window winders. The renderer would do the rest. All bridge sessions would take place in the Olive Lott Room upstairs. The other users of the room will be advised that it would not be available for those times. As the Southern Tablelands Teams event is scheduled for 3 June then it will have to be held in the top room. This will have to be considered in relation to numbers and catering.

5.42 Sue reported that a member had approached her pointing out that the rubbish skip was immediately opposite the front door and that it might be more aesthetically placed elsewhere. Molly will ask the rubbish contractor if it would be possible to move the skip and the best alternative location.

5.5 Congress and Social

5.51 Organisation for the Seniors' Day on 20 March was under control with 25^{1/2} tables signed up.

5.6 BFACT Representative.

5.61 Stephen said that there had been no BFACT meeting to report on but mentioned that CBC was putting in a grant application to BFACT seeking \$4,000 from the ABF capital works grants which had been given to BFACT for allocation. The work had already been undertaken.

5.7 Finance

5.71 Val provided a paper on potential sources of grants for the CBC. (*Attachment 1*). She outlined some of the programs. It was agreed that the Inclusive Participation Funding Program (IPFP) should be looked at quickly

as applications close on 10 April 2012. The Committee agree with a suggestion that non-slip flooring for the lower foyer and maybe stairs and upper foyer would be a good item as it ensured a safer environment for members especially older members. Sue agreed to obtain 3 quotes and David would talk with others who had previously done grant applications and work towards putting together the application. For the remainder where the deadline was not so tight it was agreed that they could be looked at in the context of the planning day considerations.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In:

Out: .

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 David said there had been several incidents with the alarm company calling him on Tuesday and Thursday nights when the alarm had not been set by 1.30am. It is standard procedure for the alarm company to call the contact person when it has not been set by that time. The Committee considered this issue. It was agreed that Molly would send out a reminder to all players to set the alarm before they left the bridge club at night. She would also ask members to leave the Club by 1am. The Director would also be asked to remind people of this. Should this not work and there are more problems then the Committee would need to consider alternative options.

7.2 A nomination was received by the Committee for Honorary Life Membership which, under the guidelines set out by the 2011 Committee, needed to be submitted by March/April for consideration at the September AGM. The Committee considered the nomination in accordance with the guidelines and agreed that the nomination, against the criteria, demonstrated a very strong case for Honorary Life Membership. With the unanimous support of the Committee it will be presented to the AGM in September.

7.3 Concerns raised by players about the latest batch of playing cards being used in play were brought to the Committee's attention. The cards are very slippery, resulting in problems with sorting and holding. Stephen agreed to talk with Sean to see if there was anything which could be done to improve the situation.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 16 April 2012 at 5.30pm in the Clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

Action Item 1:

Action Item 2:

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF GRANTS FOR CBC

Information current at March 2012

Program Name
Program Objectives
Funder
Date Opens / Closes
Apply for in 2012?

Inclusive Participation Funding Program (IPFP)

- Provide financial assistance to ACT organisations to create new, or improve existing, programs to include participation of target population groups (in CBC case is Older Australians);
- Enhance the capacity and usage of sport and recreation facilities through the provision of specialised and non-consumable equipment for the target population groups to participate in sport and active recreation programs; and
- Improvement of education and training for those assisting in the development and delivery of active recreation programs and services for the target groups

NB: CBC has previously received funding for the Front Doors and Air Lock Doors in 2008 under this program (Total: \$5125)

ACT Government - TAMS (Sports and Recreation Services)

5 March 2012

10 April 2012

Sunscreen blinds for both Barry Turner Room and Olive Lott room **or**
Automatic internal door for Olive Lott room

Community Support and Infrastructure Grants Program

The objectives of the program are to fund projects that support community sector viability; provide for community inclusion; assist small community organisations to access information technology resources or improving the environmental sustainability of community facilities.

NB: CBC received funding for a stair/chair lift in 2005 (\$11,000). Our application a dealing machine (\$4800) in 2010 was denied.

ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services (DHCS)

June (TBC)

July (TBC)

Repair of toilets

Seniors Grants and Sponsorship Program

- to undertake a diverse range of projects to support and promote positive ageing across the ACT.

NB: In 2007 our application for Bridge Mates was denied but was accepted in 2009 (\$4000)

DHCS – Office of the Ageing

August (TBC)

September (TBC)

ACT Community Education Program (ACE)

- raise understanding of the importance of adult community education;
- extend participation in community based learning

NB: there is no record of any applications under this program

ACT Department of Education and Training (DET)

mid November (TBC)

early December (TBC)

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Fund teaching of bridge at a retirement community

Youth InterACT Scholarships

These scholarships (of up to \$500) are based on encouraging young people to enhance their professional and personal development through participation in various activities or events.

Applicants for Youth InterACT Scholarships must:

- Be 12-25 years of age
- Reside in the ACT or attend school in the ACT
- Represent the ACT in sporting or other activities
- Not have received funding through the Youth InterACT Grants and Scholarships Program in the last two years.

Scholarships will be awarded to young people who have a genuine ability and determination, but without financial assistance would struggle to attend their event or activity.

- For more than two attendees to the same activity or event
- Activities/events that have already been attended
- Spending money (including food and beverage costs)
- Financial support for travel companions
- Activities/events that require on-going funding
- Activities/events where a particular political or religious point of view is promoted or pushed
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Youth Services (DHCS)

Ongoing program for which applications are assessed by a Scholarship Committee on the last Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Applications will need to be received into the office 14 days prior to the Committee's meeting dates

ABF Marketing – Bridge and Promotions Grants (annual)

Promote bridge at grass roots levels in order to increase the profile of bridge in Australia and increase the number of people both playing and learning bridge.

NB: Annual grant of around \$7000 to BFACT. For calendar year 2011 we will shortly receive approximately \$4000 which will cover purchase of 1) 60 side tables - \$2,311 plus GST; 2) 12 second hand chairs and re-upholster them – approx. \$1,200 plus GST; and 3) new drinking water boiler unit in kitchen - \$1,074 plus GST.

Australian Bridge Federation

Upgrade of CBC website